



# Intel<sup>®</sup> Itanium<sup>®</sup> 2 Processor

## Specification Update

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**Notice:** The Intel<sup>®</sup> Itanium<sup>®</sup> 2 processor may contain design defects or errors known as errata which may cause the product to deviate from published specifications. Current characterized errata are documented in this specification update.

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## Revision History

Date	Version	Description
July 2003	014	Added errata 61-62.
June 2003	013	Added Intel® Itanium® 2 processor with 6M L3 cache information; added new errata summary tables and <a href="#">Table 1-1</a> ; removed Specification Clarification 1; removed Documentation Changes 1-2; added errata 59, 63-64.
June 2003	012	Updated Implication for erratum 60.
June 2003	011	Added erratum 60; removed erratum 59.
May 2003	010	Added errata 55-59.
March 2003	009	Added errata 53-54; added PAL version 7.40.
February 2003	008	Updated workaround for erratum 48; added erratum 52; added PAL version 7.37.
January 2003	007	Added errata 49-51; added Documentation Change 2.
December 2002	006	Added errata 47-48.
November 2002	005	Added errata 43-46; added PAL version 7.36.
October 2002	004	Added errata 38-42.
September 2002	003	Added errata 30-37; added PAL version 7.31; added Documentation Change 1; added Specification Clarification 1.
August 2002	002	Added errata 20-29.
July 2002	001	Initial release of this document.

## Preface

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This document is an update to the specifications contained in the Affected Documents/Related Documents table below. This document is a compilation of device and documentation errata, specification clarifications, and changes. It is intended for hardware system manufacturers and software developers of applications, operating systems, or tools.

This document may also contain information that was not previously published.

## Affected Documents/Related Documents

Title	Document #
<i>Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor Datasheet</i>	250945
<i>Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor Hardware Developer's Manual</i>	251109
<i>Intel® Itanium® Architecture Software Developer's Manual, Volume 1: Application Architecture</i>	245317
<i>Intel® Itanium® Architecture Software Developer's Manual, Volume 2: System Architecture</i>	245318
<i>Intel® Itanium® Architecture Software Developer's Manual, Volume 3: Instruction Set Reference</i>	245319
<i>Intel® Itanium® Architecture Software Developer's Manual Specification Update</i>	251141
<i>Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor Reference Manual for Software Development and Optimization</i>	251110
<i>Itanium® Processor Family System Abstraction Layer Specification</i>	245359

## Nomenclature

**S-Spec Number** is used to identify products. Products are differentiated by their unique characteristics, e.g. core speed, L3 cache size, package types, etc. Care should be taken to read all notes associated with each S-Spec number.

**Errata** are design defects or errors. These may cause the Itanium® 2 processor's behavior to deviate from published specifications. Hardware and software designed to be used with any given stepping must assume that all errata documented for that stepping are present on all devices.

**Specification Changes** are modifications to the current published specifications. These changes will be incorporated in the next release of the specifications.

**Specification Clarifications** describe a specification in greater detail or further highlight a specification's impact to a complex design situation. These clarifications will be incorporated in the next release of the specification.

**Documentation Changes** include typos, errors, or omissions from the current published specifications. These changes will be incorporated in the next release of the specifications.

**Note:** Errata remain in the specification update throughout the product's lifecycle, or until a particular stepping is no longer commercially available. Under these circumstances, errata removed from the specification update are archived and available upon request. Specification changes, specification clarifications, and documentation changes are removed from the specification update when the appropriate changes are made to the appropriate product specification or user documentation (datasheets, manuals, etc.).

# Summary Table of Changes

The following table indicates the errata, specification changes, specification clarifications, or documentation changes which apply to the Itanium 2 processors. Intel may fix some of the errata in a future stepping of the component or in a future release of the Processor Abstraction Layer (PAL), and account for the other outstanding issues through documentation or specification changes as noted. This table uses the notations indicated below.

## Codes Used in Summary Table

### Stepping/Version

X:	Errata exists in the indicated stepping, PAL version, or software extension. Documentation Change, Specification Change or Clarification that applies to this stepping.
(No mark) or (Blank box):	This erratum is fixed in listed stepping or specification change does not apply to listed stepping or PAL version.

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### Status

Doc:	Document change or update will be implemented.
Plan fix:	This erratum may be fixed in a future stepping of the component, or in a future release of PAL.
Fixed:	This erratum has been previously fixed.
NoFix:	There are no plans to fix this erratum.

### Row

	Change bar to left of table row indicates this erratum is either new or modified from the previous version of this document.
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Table 1-1. Definition Table

Processor	Abbreviation
Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor 900 MHz with 1.5MB L3 Cache	Itanium 2 Processor (up to 3MB L3 cache)
Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor 1.0 GHz with 3MB L3 Cache	
Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor 1.30 GHz with 3MB L3 Cache	
Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor 1.40 GHz with 4MB L3 Cache	Itanium 2 Processor (up to 6MB L3 cache)
Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor 1.50 GHz with 6MB L3 Cache	

## Itanium® 2 Processor (up to 3MB L3 Cache) Errata (Sheet 1 of 2)

No.	Processor Stepping	PAL Version						Pg.	Status	ERRATA
	B3	7.13	7.31	7.36	7.37	7.40	7.59			
1	X							17	NoFix	IA64_INST_RETIRED and IA64_TAGGED_INST_RETIRED does not count predicated off instructions
2	X							17	NoFix	Performance Monitor Interrupt raised when freeze bit is written to Performance Monitoring Counter register
3	X							17	NoFix	Priority agent requests with unit mask of I/O not counted
4	X							17	NoFix	Incorrect fault reporting on move to/from the RNAT or BSPSTORE application registers
5	X							18	NoFix	Power good deassertion affects boundary scan testing
6	X							18	NoFix	IA-32: CPUID instruction returns incorrect L3 cache size
7	X							18	NoFix	Performance Monitoring Event counters may be incorrect when using Instruction Address Range checking in fine mode
8	X							19	NoFix	Possible deadlock condition after ptc.g is issued on two-way system
9	X							19	NoFix	EPC, mov ar.pfs and br.ret instructions may combine to yield incorrect privilege level
10	X							20	NoFix	Removal of WAW hazard may lead to undefined result
11	X							20	NoFix	Unexpected data debug, data access or dirty bit fault taken after rfi instruction
12	X							21	NoFix	Incorrect privilege level may be granted if a failed speculation check precedes a privilege level change
13	X							21	NoFix	Floating-point instructions take a floating-point trap before Unimplemented Instruction Address trap
14		X						21	Fixed	PAL_MC_ERROR_INFO does not return an address for certain double bit ECC memory errors
15		X						21	Fixed	PAL_CACHE_READ and PAL_CACHE_WRITE return incorrect status for L1I cache access
16		X						22	Fixed	Unpredictable behavior if the system is awakened from low power mode by an MCA
17		X						22	Fixed	The system may lose an interrupt when SAL_CHECK reads the IVR
18		X						22	Fixed	A bus MCA nested within a recoverable or firmware-corrected bus MCA may not be handled correctly
19		X						22	Fixed	PAL reset sequence performed after a recovery check may result in incorrect system behavior
20		X						23	Fixed	PAL_HALT_LIGHT_SPECIAL provides PAL_HALT functionality
21		X						23	Fixed	PAL_TEST_PROC may access memory with the UC attribute
22	X							23	NoFix	L2 single bit data error promoted to MCA continues to flag a CMCI
23		X						23	Fixed	PAL_TEST_PROC requires specific tests be performed for correct operation
24		X						23	Fixed	PAL_TEST_INFO may return incorrect data for invalid test parameters
25		X						24	Fixed	PAL_CACHE_INIT may not function properly if levels of the cache hierarchy are specified
26		X						24	Fixed	PAL_SET_TIMEOUT may have an unexpected result when timeout = 0
27		X						24	Fixed	Concurrent MCAs that signal a BERR may not set PSP.bc correctly



# Itanium<sup>®</sup> 2 Processor (up to 3MB L3 Cache) Errata (Sheet 2 of 2)

No.	Processor Stepping	PAL Version						Pg.	Status	ERRATA
	B3	7.13	7.31	7.36	7.37	7.40	7.59			
28		X						24	Fixed	PAL_PLATFORM_ADDR may return an error if bit 63 is set
29		X						24	Fixed	PAL_TEST_PROC may overwrite predicate registers
30		X						24	Fixed	Recovery check fails if PAL_B is not found
31		X						25	Fixed	PAL procedure calls may have unexpected results if an incorrect PAL_B version is used
32		X						25	Fixed	Late self-test may have unexpected results during concurrent processor tests
33		X						25	Fixed	PAL_TEST_PROC may cause unexpected system behavior
34		X						25	Fixed	PAL halt procedures may overwrite predicate registers
35	X							26	NoFix	Two resets may be necessary to leave TAP test mode
36	X							26	NoFix	IA-32 instruction pointers may be overwritten under certain boundary conditions
37		X						26	Fixed	Initialization and ETM recovery may overwrite branch register
38			X					26	Fixed	PAL procedures may not save predicate register 3
39		X	X					26	Fixed	PAL_CACHE_INFO procedure may return undefined value
40			X					27	Fixed	PAL_HALT_LIGHT procedure may generate a spurious Performance Monitor Interrupt
41		X	X					27	Fixed	Unexpected system behavior after PAL_CACHE_FLUSH is executed
42		X	X					27	Fixed	PAL_TEST_PROC may not properly report self-test status
43	X							27	NoFix	PSR.ri may not reflect the correct slot upon entrance to the unimplemented address fault handler
44	X							28	NoFix	WC and WB memory attribute aliasing combine with FC and may cause processor live-lock
45	X							28	NoFix	Improper use of memory attribute aliasing may lead to out of order instruction execution
47	X							29	NoFix	Executing an rfi instruction that is located at the end of implemented physical memory can result in an unexpected unimplemented address fault
48	X							29	Fixed	IA-32: xchg instruction requires release semantics
49		X	X	X				29	Fixed	PAL MCA handler may not correctly set PSP.co bit
50		X	X	X				29	Fixed	PAL_MC_ERROR_INFO may return incorrect PSP information
51	X							30	NoFix	FPSWA trap may be missed
52	X							31	Fixed	WC evictions and semaphore operations combine to establish a potential live-lock condition
53	X							31	Fixed	The IA-32 cmpxchg8b instruction may not correctly set ZF flag
54		X	X	X	X	X	X	31	NoFix	PAL_TEST_PROC status return value
55	X							32	NoFix	Fault condition may generate incorrect address when using short format VHPT
57		X	X	X	X	X		33	Fixed	Cache snoops disabled on BINIT#
58	X							33	NoFix	RFI to UIA using single step mode may enter ss trap
60	X							33	NoFix	Specific instruction combination may disrupt subsequent operation
61	X							34	NoFix	IFS register may be invalidated during MCA or INIT
62							X	34	Plan fix	Unimplemented memory access may occur while handling an INIT or MCA event

## Itanium<sup>®</sup> 2 Processor (up to 6M L3 Cache) Errata

No.	Processor Stepping	PAL Version						Pg.	Status	ERRATA
	B1	5.37								
1	X							17	NoFix	IA64_INST_RETIRED and IA64_TAGGED_INST_RETIRED does not count predicated off instructions
2	X							17	NoFix	Performance Monitor Interrupt raised when freeze bit is written to Performance Monitoring Counter register
6	X							18	NoFix	IA-32: CPUID instruction returns incorrect L3 cache size
7	X							18	NoFix	Performance Monitoring Event counters may be incorrect when using Instruction Address Range checking in fine mode
8	X							19	NoFix	Possible deadlock condition after ptc.g is issued on two-way system
13	X							21	NoFix	Floating-point instructions take a floating-point trap before Unimplemented Instruction Address trap
22	X							23	NoFix	L2 single bit data error promoted to MCA continues to flag a CMCi
43	X							27	NoFix	PSR.ri may not reflect the correct slot upon entrance to the unimplemented address fault handler
45	X							28	NoFix	Improper use of memory attribute aliasing may lead to out of order instruction execution
47	X							29	NoFix	Executing an rfi instruction that is located at the end of implemented physical memory can result in an unexpected unimplemented address fault
54		X						31	NoFix	PAL_TEST_PROC status return value
55	X							32	NoFix	Fault condition may generate incorrect address when using short format VHPT
58	X							33	NoFix	RFI to UIA using single step mode may enter ss trap
59	X							33	NoFix	On Die Termination value does not meet specification
61	X							34	NoFix	IFS register may be invalidated during MCA or INIT
62		X						34	Plan fix	Unimplemented memory access may occur while handling an INIT or MCA event
63	X							35	NoFix	JTAG Sample/Preload or EXTEST instruction usage
64	X							35	NoFix	CPU_CYCLES count includes data from halt states

## FPSWA Errata

No.	FPSWA Version						Pg.	Status	ERRATA
	1.09	1.12	1.18						
46	X						28	Fixed	FPSWA may not set the Denormal status flag correctly
56		X					32	Fixed	FPSWA version 1.12 may overwrite register fr12

## Itanium® 2 Processor (up to 3MB L3 Cache) Specification Changes

No.	Processor Stepping	PAL Version						Pg.	Status	SPECIFICATION CHANGES
	B3	7.13	7.31	7.36	7.37	7.40	7.59			
										None for this revision of the Specification Update

## Itanium® 2 Processor (up to 3MB L3 Cache) Specification Clarifications

No.	Processor Stepping	PAL Version						Pg.	Status	SPECIFICATION CLARIFICATIONS
	B3	7.13	7.31	7.36	7.37	7.40	7.59			
										None for this revision of the Specification Update

## Itanium® 2 Processor (up to 3MB L3 Cache) Documentation Changes

No.	Processor Stepping	PAL Version						Pg.	Status	DOCUMENTATION CHANGES
	B3	7.13	7.31	7.36	7.37	7.40	7.59			
										None for this revision of the Specification Update

## Itanium<sup>®</sup> 2 Processor (up to 6MB L3 Cache) Specification Changes

No.	Processor Stepping	PAL Version						Pg.	Status	SPECIFICATION CHANGES
	B1	5.37								
										None for this revision of the Specification Update

## Itanium<sup>®</sup> 2 Processor (up to 6MB L3 Cache) Specification Clarifications

No.	Processor Stepping	PAL Version						Pg.	Status	SPECIFICATION CLARIFICATIONS
	B1	5.37								
										None for this revision of the Specification Update

## Itanium<sup>®</sup> 2 Processor (up to 6MB L3 Cache) Documentation Changes

No.	Processor Stepping	PAL Version						Pg.	Status	DOCUMENTATION CHANGES
	B1	5.37								
										None for this revision of the Specification Update

# Identification Information

## Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor Package Marking

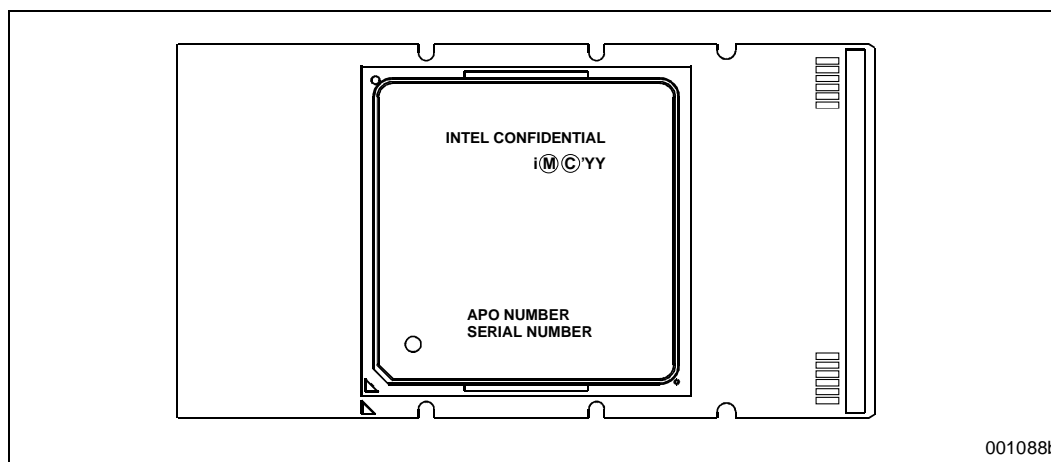
The following section details the processor top-side and bottom-side markings for the Itanium 2 processor and is provided as an identification aid. The processor top-side mark for the product is a laser marking on the Integrated Heat Spreader (IHS).

### Processor Top-Side Marking

Figure 1-1 shows an example of the laser marking on the IHS. The processor top-side mark provides the following information:

- INTEL Brand/ INTEL Product
- Legal Mark
- Assembly Process Order (APO) Number
- Serial Number

Figure 1-1. Processor Top-Side Marking on IHS

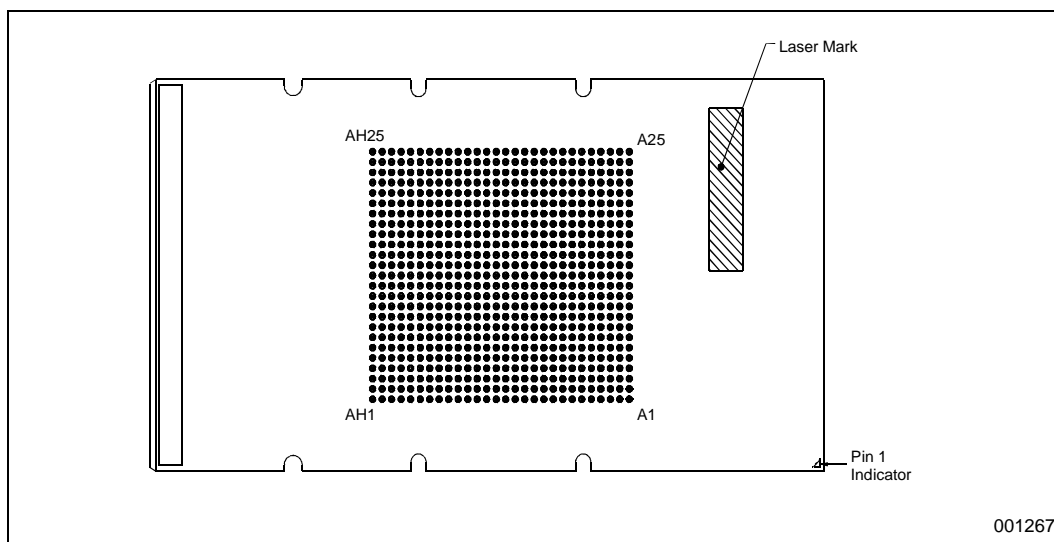


### Bottom-Side Marking

The processor bottom-side mark for the product is a laser marking on the pin side of the interposer. Figure 1-2 shows the placement of the laser marking on the pin side of interposer. The processor bottom-side mark provides the following information:

- Product ID
- Finish Process Order (FPO) Number
- Serial Number
- S-Spec
- Country of Origin
- 2D Matrix Mark included on Itanium 2 processor (up to 6MB L3 cache) only. Not included on Itanium 2 processor (up to 3MB L3 cache).

Figure 1-2. Processor Bottom-Side Marking Placement on Interposer



## Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor Identification and Package Information

S-Spec Number	Processor Stepping	CPUID <sup>1</sup>	Speed (MHz)	L3 Size (Mbytes)
SL67U	B3	001F000704h	1000/400	1.5
SL67V	B3	001F000704h	1000/400	3
SL67W	B3	001F000704h	900/400	1.5
SL6P5	B3	001F000704h	1000/400	1.5
SL6P7	B3	001F000704h	1000/400	3
SL6P6	B3	001F000704h	900/400	1.5
SL6XF	B1	001F010504h	1500/400	6
SL6XE	B1	001F010504h	1400/400	4
SL6XD	B1	001F010504h	1300/400	3

1. The CPUID column in this table indicates the contents of bits 39:0 of CPUID Register 3. Bits 63:40 of this register are reserved. The Family ID for the Itanium 2 processor is 0x1F.

Abbreviation	PAL Version <sup>1</sup>	Processor Stepping
Itanium <sup>®</sup> 2 Processor (up to 3MB L3 cache)	7.13	B3
	7.31	B3
	7.36	B3
	7.37	B3
	7.40	B3
	7.59	B3
Itanium 2 Processor (up to 6MB L3 cache)	5.37	B1

1. Please refer to the applicable PAL release notes for information regarding changes in each PAL release.



## Errata

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### 1. **IA64\_INST\_RETIRED and IA64\_TAGGED\_INST\_RETIRED does not count predicated off instructions**

**Problem:** The event monitor count for instructions retired (IA64\_INST\_RETIRED and IA64\_TAGGED\_INST\_RETIRED) does not include the predicated off instructions.

**Implication:** The IA64\_INST\_RETIRED/IA64\_TAGGED\_INST\_RETIRED performance monitoring events may report an incorrect count.

**Workaround:** Add the PREDICATE\_SQUASHED\_RETIRED event monitor count to the IA64\_INST\_RETIRED and/or the IA64\_TAGGED\_INST\_RETIRED event monitor count to get the intended results.

**Status:** For the steppings effected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### 2. **Performance Monitor Interrupt raised when freeze bit is written to Performance Monitoring Counter register**

**Problem:** The Performance Monitor Freeze (PMC[0].fr) bit within the Performance Monitoring Counter (PMC) register is used to stop performance event monitoring. This can be set by software or by an event counter overflow. Due to this erratum, the processor may raise a Performance Monitor Interrupt (PMI) when the freeze bit is set by software, even when the Performance Monitor Overflow Interrupt (PMC.oi) bit is not enabled and no overflow has occurred.

**Implication:** The processor may generate a PMI when it's not expected to do so.

**Workaround:** The interrupt service routine (ISR) needs to account for the spurious interrupt even if no performance monitor overflow is indicated.

**Status:** For the steppings effected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### 3. **Priority agent requests with unit mask of I/O not counted**

**Problem:** The system bus allows for the BPRI# signal to be asserted one cycle before an ADS# is driven by the priority agent, provided no BREQ# pins are driven by the processor. Priority agent requests exhibiting this behavior are not counted by the system bus performance monitoring events when using a unit mask of 'I/O'.

**Implication:** The system bus performance monitoring events may report an incorrect count in this case.

**Workaround:** Measure the bus transactions for all bus masters (unit mask= 'ANY') and subtract from it the sum of the corresponding bus transactions on each local processor (unit mask= 'SELF').

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### 4. **Incorrect fault reporting on move to/from the RNAT or BSPSTORE application registers**

**Problem:** Incorrect faulting behavior may be experienced under the following conditions:

1. A `mov . imm` (move immediate) to the `ar.rsc` register is executed in the same instruction bundle (or the next bundle with no intervening stop bits) as a mispredicted branch.
2. The mispredicted branch path includes another `mov . imm` to the same `ar.rsc` register, and is within two issue groups or less of the (mispredicted) branch instruction. This instruction is not executed. Also, the value moved to the `rsc.mode` field must be different than the value moved to `rsc.mode` in the `mov . imm` in step 1.

3. The correct branch path is then taken and includes a move to/from the ar.rnat or ar.bspstore registers, within the first bundle (or second bundle with no intervening stop bit) of the correct branch instruction.

**Implication:** When the above conditions line up (and there are no stalls or cache misses), the instruction in step 3 (move to/from ar.rnat or ar.bsp) uses the rse.mode value from the mov.imm in the mispredicted branch path instead of from instruction in step 1. As a result, there may be incorrect faulting behavior – an illegal opcode fault is missed (if rse.mode != 0) or falsely indicated (if rse.mode = 0) and may result in inconsistent system behavior. This erratum has only been observed in a system validation environment.

**Workaround:** Use one of the following workarounds:

1. Use the register form of the move instruction or;
2. Ensure there is a stop bit between any mov.imm instruction to/from the ar.rsc registers and any subsequent branch instruction or;
3. Ensure that there is a stop bit between a “label” (branch target) and a subsequent move to/from ar.rnat/ar.bspstore.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 5. Power good deassertion affects boundary scan testing

**Problem:** Deassertion of the PWRGOOD signal during boundary scan testing prevents the correct operation of the sampling functionality in the EXTEST and SAMPLE/PRELOAD JTAG commands.

**Implication:** As a result of this erratum the boundary scan chain function is disabled and will stop shifting data when the PWRGOOD signal is low.

**Workaround:** Keep the PWRGOOD signal asserted during boundary scan testing.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 6. IA-32: CPUID instruction returns incorrect L3 cache size

**Problem:** The IA-32 CPUID instruction will always report the L3 cache size as 3 MB regardless of the actual size of the L3 cache.

**Implication:** IA-32 applications using the IA-32: CPUID instruction cannot rely on the cache size reported by this instruction. Native Itanium applications are not affected by this erratum and can access this information via the processor CPUID registers.

**Workaround:** Within the Linux\* operating system (OS) environment, the '/proc/cpuinfo' file contains this information. Within the Microsoft\* OS environment this information is available through Windows API calls.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 7. Performance Monitoring Event counters may be incorrect when using Instruction Address Range checking in fine mode

**Problem:** For Performance Monitoring Events that use Instruction Address Range Matching set to 'Fine Mode' (PMC: 14, bit 13 = 1), the address matching capability will be inconsistent and may yield incorrect results.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum the results of an event counter while using 'Fine Mode' may not be correct.

**Workaround:** Use normal mode when using Instruction Address Range checking.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

**8. Possible deadlock condition after `ptc.g` is issued on two-way system**

**Problem:** In a two processor system, a `ptc.g` instruction is issued on processor A. The execution of the `ptc.g` on processor A blocks the completion of a semaphore upon which processor B is waiting to become available. Concurrently processor B is issuing a long series of loads and stores with one or more instructions being retried or involves system memory access before being retired. Processor B's L2 cache entry queue, denoted as OzQ, is full and does not allow the `ptc.g` operation from processor A, entry into the L2 OzQ for completion. The `ptc.g` request will be presented again in three clock cycles. If processor B continues to execute a code sequence such that the L2 cache OzQ entries continue to be taken by other load/stores, then the `ptc.g` operation must continue to wait.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, the system may deadlock while waiting for the `ptc.g` to be completed. Any break in, or completion of the code loop on processor B, including system interrupts, that allows the `ptc.g` operation to enter the L2 cache OzQ on processor B will be enough to release the deadlock condition. Additional processors will also change the time cycle necessary for this event to occur. This issue has only been observed during Random Instruction Testing in a system validation environment.

**Workaround:** None at this time.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

**9. EPC, `mov ar.pfs` and `br.ret` instructions may combine to yield incorrect privilege level**

**Problem:** Due to certain internal timing and microarchitectural conditions, OS calls that return to user space from privilege code promote pages using a `br.ret` instruction, may not have the expected privilege level.

Using the following code sequence as an example:

```
<change of privilege level>    //epc on promote page; or br.ret
mov ar.pfs, [value];           //new pfs value has ppl < cpl
br.ret;;
```

In this case the `br.ret` is specified to not change the privilege level (`p1`) since the `br.ret` is asking to promote privilege to a numerically lower level. Current processor steppings may change current privilege level (`cpl`) to the `p1` at the beginning of the `<change of privilege level>`.

**Implication:** This erratum would result in having the `cpl` demoted and the user space application may not receive the correct privilege level. Privilege code promote page usage is limited and controlled by the OS. This issue has only been observed during random instruction testing in a system validation environment.

**Workaround:** Use one of the following workarounds:

1. Use an return from interrupt (`rfi`) instruction instead of `br.ret` to return from privilege code promote pages.
2. Insert a useless call-to-next bundle in all paths leading to a demoting `br.ret`.
3. PAL version 7.01 and above, have a workaround for this issue and it is enabled by default. The OS may implement one of the previous workarounds or a check mechanism, such that this PAL workaround can be disabled. Please review the PAL Release notes for details on the implementation of this workaround.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 10. Removal of WAW hazard may lead to undefined result

**Problem:** Due to internal conditions an allowed WAW dependency may become a WAW hazard under the following circumstances:

- A move to the AR.PFS register is followed by a BR.CALL and both are executed in the same issue group, or
- A move to the AR.EC register is followed by a BR.RET and both are executed in the same issue group.

These combinations of instructions are legal WAW memory dependencies if one of the operations is predicated off. If preceding instructions (as indicated above) combine to change the predication on the BR.CALL or BR.RET from predicated true to predicated false, the processor may mistakenly decide the WAW hazard is still present and fail to recognize that the WAW has been removed which may result in an undefined value for ar.pfs or ar.ec.

The following code sequence demonstrates this issue:

```
p15 = 1;
;;
mov ar.pfs = R[x];
ld.c R[y] = [m]; //causes R[y] to be reloaded.
cmp.eq p15, p16 = R[y], R0;
(p15) br.call;
```

The RAW dependencies on ld.c to cmp and cmp to branch are legal. When the processor executes the issue group, the WAW hazard is present and the PFS results are undefined. If the ld.c misses the advanced load address table (ALAT), the cmp to branch will be re-executed, the new result of the ld.c causes the p15 value to change to false and thus eliminate the WAW. Then the processor may fail to recognize that the WAW has been removed.

**Implication:** An application may hang or signal an exception fault under these circumstances. The affected code sequence is not known by Intel to be generated in any current compiled code or exist in any current OS.

**Workaround:** Separate the predicate producing instruction from its consumer with a stop (as recommended in the *Intel® Itanium® Architecture Software Developer's Manual*, Volume 1: Application Architecture) or change the predication sequence to assure mutually exclusive predication of the instructions in the WAW dependency.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 11. Unexpected data debug, data access or dirty bit fault taken after rfi instruction

**Problem:** A fault may be taken after a rfi instruction has been executed under the following circumstances. The IPSR.da or IPSR.dd bits are set to disable data debug/data access/dirty bit faults for the first Itanium processor system environment restore instruction. This is followed by an rfi instruction. The rfi instruction is followed by additional instructions that generate register stack engine (RSE) activity (alloc, flushrs, br.ret). The processor will see the RSE activity as valid Itanium system instructions and clear the ipsr.da/dd bits and this may result in an unexpected data debug, data access or dirty bit fault at the target of the rfi.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum an unexpected fault may be generated after an rfi instruction has been executed. This may slow the transition of the system into the Itanium system environment and log un-necessary errors.

**Workaround:** Separate the rfi from the RSE generating instruction by four issue groups of nop instructions.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 12. **Incorrect privilege level may be granted if a failed speculation check precedes a privilege level change**

**Problem:** A failed speculation check instruction (`chk.s/chk.a/fchkf`) that is followed by a privilege change operation may result with the incorrect privilege level for instructions in the issue group of the privilege level change and beyond. The privilege changing instruction must occur within two clock cycles of the failed speculation check.

**Implication:** As a result of this erratum, the speculation check recovery code and subsequent instructions may have an incorrect privilege level.

**Workaround:** Do not use speculation near privilege changing instructions. The workaround for this erratum is to escalate failed speculation checks (speculation check re-steers) to the OS for recovery. This workaround is included in PAL version 7.01 and above.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 13. **Floating-point instructions take a floating-point trap before Unimplemented Instruction Address trap**

**Problem:** A floating-point instruction that causes a floating-point trap and is the last instruction at the top of the physical address space should flag an Unimplemented Address trap before the floating-point trap.

**Implication:** The correct trap is flagged but only after the floating-point trap is taken first.

**Workaround:** None at this time.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 14. **PAL\_MC\_ERROR\_INFO does not return an address for certain double bit ECC memory errors**

**Problem:** `PAL_MC_ERROR_INFO` will report the address for the source of a double bit ECC memory error. However, under the conditions that the data with a 2xECC error was prefetched to the L2 cache and later filled into the L1 cache, the source address will not be available.

**Implication:** `PAL_MC_ERROR_INFO` will not be able to report the address of a double bit ECC error in this case. Double bit errors that are consumed in this scenario will be not be recoverable.

**Workaround:** None at this time.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 15. **PAL\_CACHE\_READ and PAL\_CACHE\_WRITE return incorrect status for L1I cache access**

**Problem:** The `PAL_CACHE_READ` and `PAL_CACHE_WRITE` procedures should return a status value of ‘-7’ (which indicates this operation is not supported for this *cache\_type* and *level*) when attempting to read or write to/from the L1I (instruction) and L1D (data) cache. When these procedures attempt to access the L1I cache an incorrect status value will be returned.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, using these PAL procedures to access the L1I cache will result in the return of an incorrect status value, implying that the L1I cache is readable/writable by these PAL procedure calls.

**Workaround:** Do not use these PAL procedures to access the L1D and L1I caches.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 16. Unpredictable behavior if the system is awakened from low power mode by an MCA

**Problem:** If the system is in low power mode and an machine check abort (MCA), BERR# or BINIT# is signaled, the PALE\_CHECK handler will be called to process the error condition. However, PALE\_CHECK does not disable low power mode so that it can continue execution. As soon as PALE\_CHECK attempts to drain the processor queues, the system may re-enter low power mode. This may cause incomplete handling of the error event and potentially, intermittent continuation of the same event during later signaled BINIT# events.

**Implication:** The processor can appear to be trapped in low power mode and/or system behavior may be unpredictable.

**Workaround:** Do not use low power mode or call the following PAL procedures: PAL\_HALT, PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT or PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT\_SPECIAL.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 17. The system may lose an interrupt when SAL\_CHECK reads the IVR

**Problem:** The PAL\_REGISTER\_INFO procedure returns an incorrect value to indicate that reading the Interrupt Vector Register (IVR), CR65 (Configuration Register 65) has no side effects. Based on this incorrect return value, when SAL\_CHECK reads the IVR while saving system state data to NVRAM, a pending interrupt may be allowed to proceed before the current process has been completed.

**Implication:** The SAL\_CHECK procedure relies on the return values of PAL\_REGISTER\_INFO to know which ARs and CRs are safe to read and save off. Due to this erratum, the SAL\_CHECK reads the IVR, and consequently causes the corresponding bit in the IRR to be cleared and the ISR to change. The results of the interrupt routine currently being executed may be lost.

**Workaround:** After calling PAL\_REGISTER\_INFO with *info\_request* = 3, System Abstraction Layer (SAL) can force the correct return value for CR65 by setting bit 1 of *reg\_info\_2* to a value of one.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 18. A bus MCA nested within a recoverable or firmware-corrected bus MCA may not be handled correctly

**Problem:** During the processing of a non-fatal bus MCA, if a second bus MCA is received the second MCA may be missed.

**Implication:** A bus MCA received in this scenario may be missed and result in unpredictable system behavior. If the first MCA is fatal, system behavior remains correct.

**Workaround:** None at this time.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 19. PAL reset sequence performed after a recovery check may result in incorrect system behavior

**Problem:** The PAL early self-test sequence performed after a recovery check may not properly serialize outstanding memory transactions.

**Implication:** As a result of this erratum, memory transactions that are outstanding at the point of transition from the recovery check handler to PAL may cause a deadlock condition and possibly hang the processor.

**Workaround:** SAL can call the PAL\_MC\_DRAIN procedure before returning to PAL from recovery check to ensure that outstanding transactions have completed.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 20. **PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT\_SPECIAL provides PAL\_HALT functionality**

**Problem:** The PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT\_SPECIAL procedure does not issue the stop grant acknowledge special bus cycle.

**Implication:** PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT\_SPECIAL behavior will be the same as PAL\_HALT.

**Workaround:** None at this time.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 21. **PAL\_TEST\_PROC may access memory with the UC attribute**

**Problem:** The 'mem\_attr' self-test in PAL\_TEST\_PROC may access memory with the UC attribute, even though the 'attributes' parameter does not allow UC access.

**Implication:** PAL\_TEST\_PROC may access uncacheable memory that may not be supported in some systems.

**Workaround:** Set bit 44 of the PAL\_TEST\_PROC procedure self-test control word (*st\_control*) to '1' to skip the 'mem\_attr' self-test.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 22. **L2 single bit data error promoted to MCA continues to flag a CMCI**

**Problem:** With correctable machine check interrupt (CMCI) to MCA promotion enabled and an L2 single bit ECC data error occurs, an MCA is signaled but the CMCI continues to be raised. After the MCA is completed and the system calls the PAL\_MC\_RESUME procedure, a CMCI is raised if PSR.i = 1 (respond to external interrupts) and the CMCV.m = 0 (CMCI interrupts are pended).

**Implication:** A CMCI continues to be signaled on L2 1x ECC data errors, even if CMCI to MCA promotion is enabled.

**Workaround:** When enabling CMCI to MCA promotion, mask CMCI by saving the state of CMCV.m then set CMCV.m = '1'. Restore the original state of CMCV.m when disabling promotion.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 23. **PAL\_TEST\_PROC requires specific tests be performed for correct operation**

**Problem:** PAL\_TEST\_PROC self-test requires three specific tests be performed, otherwise the PAL procedure may report false failures or unexpected behavior.

**Implication:** The PAL\_TEST\_PROC procedure must perform the virtual hash page table (VHPT) test (bit 34), late floating-point test (bit 41) and RSE test (bit 45). Otherwise the system may have unexpected behavior or false test failures may be indicated.

**Workaround:** Bits 34, 41 and 45 in the PAL\_TEST\_PROC self-test control word (*st\_control*) should be left at the default settings of '0' so these tests are performed.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 24. **PAL\_TEST\_INFO may return incorrect data for invalid test parameters**

**Problem:** The PAL\_TEST\_INFO procedure may return incorrect data or status if the input arguments are not valid or are out of range for a given parameter.

**Implication:** Calling the PAL\_TEST\_INFO procedure with invalid inputs may result in incorrect data and/or status instead of indicating invalid arguments.

**Workaround:** Ensure that PAL\_TEST\_INFO input parameters are valid and within the argument's range.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.



## 25. **PAL\_CACHE\_INIT may not function properly if levels of the cache hierarchy are specified**

**Problem:** PAL\_CACHE\_INIT does not function properly when caches are selected individually.

**Implication:** A call to initialize the L1D cache may hang the processor and a call to initialize any other cache structure may fail and return an error.

**Workaround:** Call the PAL\_CACHE\_INIT procedure with level = -1 to initialize all caches.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 26. **PAL\_SET\_TIMEOUT may have an unexpected result when timeout = 0**

**Problem:** Setting the input parameter timeout = 0 will disable the processor watchdog timer feature.

**Implication:** Calling PAL\_SET\_TIMEOUT with timeout = 0 disables the internal processor timeout function.

**Workaround:** Do not set the timeout parameter to '0'.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 27. **Concurrent MCAs that signal a BERR may not set PSP.bc correctly**

**Problem:** In the case of concurrent MCAs that should result in BERR assertion, the PALE\_CHECK handler may not set the PSP.bc (bus check error) bit before handing off to SAL.

**Implication:** As a result of this erratum, PAL\_MC\_ERROR\_INFO will indicate that a bus error occurred, but the PSP at hand-off to SAL\_CHECK will not.

**Workaround:** None at this time.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 28. **PAL\_PLATFORM\_ADDR may return an error if bit 63 is set**

**Problem:** PAL\_PLATFORM\_ADDR should ignore bit 63 of the *address* argument. If this PAL procedure is called with bit 63 set to '1' in the *address* argument, the procedure incorrectly returns status = -2 (invalid argument).

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, calling PAL\_PLATFORM\_ADDR with bit 63 of the address set to '1' will return a status of 'invalid argument'.

**Workaround:** Bit 63 should be set to '0' when calling the PAL\_PLATFORM\_ADDR procedure to avoid this issue.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 29. **PAL\_TEST\_PROC may overwrite predicate registers**

**Problem:** PAL\_TEST\_PROC may overwrite predicate registers pr4 and pr5, which should be preserved by the procedure.

**Implication:** PAL\_TEST\_PROC may modify pr4 or pr5, resulting in undefined behavior.

**Workaround:** Code calling this PAL procedure can save and restore these predicate registers around the PAL\_TEST\_PROC procedure.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 30. **Recovery check fails if PAL\_B is not found**

**Problem:** SAL may not be able to complete a recovery check when no PAL\_B is present. The I/O port address, interrupt block and other features may not be available for SAL when recovery check is entered from PAL\_A\_SPEC.



**Implication:** Recovery check may fail if PAL\_B is not available or is invalid.

**Workaround:** Ensure that the firmware interface table (FIT) entry for PAL\_B points to a valid and correct version of PAL\_B.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### **31. PAL procedure calls may have unexpected results if an incorrect PAL\_B version is used**

**Problem:** PAL procedures that call PAL\_B may not provide the expected results if the first PAL\_B entry in the FIT points to an incorrect version of PAL\_B.

**Implication:** PAL procedures may fail if the PAL\_B entry in the FIT is for an incorrect version.

**Workaround:** Ensure that the FIT entry for PAL\_B points to the correct version.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### **32. Late self-test may have unexpected results during concurrent processor tests**

**Problem:** While running PAL\_TEST\_PROC concurrently on more than one processor and the processors happen to access the same memory address space, a snoop may cause the ALAT test to fail.

**Implication:** If a processor self-test procedure is using the same memory space for concurrent processor testing, the ALAT test may fail and cause one processor to enter a spin loop.

**Workaround:** The ALAT test can be bypassed by setting bit 46 of the PAL\_TEST\_PROC self-test control word to '1'.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### **33. PAL\_TEST\_PROC may cause unexpected system behavior**

**Problem:** The PAL\_TEST\_PROC 'late floating-point load/store test' may overwrite the fr2-fr5 and fr30-fr31 floating-point registers and the Bank 0 gr16-gr23 general registers may be overwritten by the ALAT, VHPT, translation lookaside buffer (TLB) and memory attributes tests.

**Implication:** PAL\_TEST\_PROC may corrupt the following registers: Bank 0 gr16-gr23 (general registers) and the fr2-fr5, fr30-fr31 (floating-point registers).

**Workaround:** Use different registers or save/restore the contents before/after running PAL\_TEST\_PROC.

Using the self-test control word of the PAL\_TEST\_PROC procedure, set the following bits to '1': To avoid corrupting the Bank 0 general registers do not run the ALAT (bit 46), VHPT (bit 35), TLB (bit 33) and mem\_attr (bit 44) tests. To avoid corrupting the floating-point registers do not run the late\_fp\_ld\_st (bit 40) test.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### **34. PAL halt procedures may overwrite predicate registers**

**Problem:** Predicate registers pr1, pr2 and pr3 may be overwritten by the PAL\_HALT, PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT and PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT\_SPECIAL procedures.

**Implication:** As a result of this erratum, pr1, pr2 and p3 may be overwritten.

**Workaround:** Save and restore the predicate registers, as needed when calling these PAL procedures.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### 35. Two resets may be necessary to leave TAP test mode

**Problem:** After accessing the test access port (TAP), issuing a RESET# may result in the processor entering an idle state instead of beginning normal operation. Signaling a second RESET# may be necessary to properly reinitialize the system under these conditions.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, a second RESET# may be required to properly reinitialize the processor after the TAP port has been accessed. Normal system operation and boot process is not affected.

**Workaround:** Issue two resets to properly reinitialize the processor after accessing the TAP port.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### 36. IA-32 instruction pointers may be overwritten under certain boundary conditions

**Problem:** Under certain internal conditions involving branch prediction and multiple branch instructions, IA-32 instruction pointers may be overwritten and result in IA-32 instructions being executed out of order or incorrectly. An affected code sequence would have consecutive branch instructions that have started execution before being cancelled.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, IA-32 instruction pointers may be over-written resulting in incorrect IA-32 instruction execution.

**Workaround:** A workaround for this erratum is included in PAL version 7.31.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### 37. Initialization and ETM recovery may overwrite branch register

**Problem:** PAL INIT recovery code may overwrite br0, when it saves the system environment to the min-state save area. This erratum also affects the recovery path of an enhanced thermal management (ETM) alert that is generated while a system is in a low power mode.

**Implication:** INIT and ETM recovery code may overwrite br0, which prevents recovery with PAL\_MC\_RESUME and may result in unexpected system behavior.

**Workaround:** PAL version 7.31 fixes this issue.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### 38. PAL procedures may not save predicate register 3

**Problem:** The following PAL procedures may not properly save and restore predicate register pr3. The affected PAL procedures are:

PAL\_CACHE\_INIT, PAL\_CACHE\_LINE\_INIT, PAL\_CACHE\_READ,  
PAL\_CACHE\_WRITE, PAL\_CAR\_INIT, PAL\_COPY\_INFO, PAL\_COPY\_PAL,  
PAL\_PROC\_SET\_FEATURES, PAL\_TEST\_PROC

**Implication:** Predicate register 3 may be overwritten by the PAL procedures listed above.

**Workaround:** Save and restore pr3, as needed, when calling the aforementioned PAL procedures.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### 39. PAL\_CACHE\_INFO procedure may return undefined value

**Problem:** The PAL\_CACHE\_INFO procedure could return an invalid value in the config\_info\_1 'at' (cache memory attributes) field. When requesting information for the L2 and L3 cache, the 'at' field may contain the value of 2, which is undefined.

**Implication:** The PAL\_CACHE\_INFO procedure, *cache memory attributes* field may return an undefined value.

**Workaround:** None at this time.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### **40. PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT procedure may generate a spurious Performance Monitor Interrupt**

- Problem:** The PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT procedure may not properly set the value of the PMV.m bit on return from a low power state and as a result, a spurious PMI may be generated.
- Implication:** A spurious PMI may be indicated when using the PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT procedure.
- Workaround:** Set the PMV.m bit to '1' (to mask PMIs) before calling PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT. Set the PMV.m bit to '0' on return from the PAL\_HALT\_LIGHT procedure.
- Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### **41. Unexpected system behavior after PAL\_CACHE\_FLUSH is executed**

- Problem:** The PSR.ic bit is not restored after the PAL\_CACHE\_FLUSH procedure is executed with cache\_type = 2. This may result in unexpected behavior when an interrupt is received after calling PAL\_CACHE\_FLUSH.
- Implication:** The system may not respond to interrupts as expected after PAL\_CACHE\_FLUSH is executed with cache\_type = 2.
- Workaround:** Save and restore the PSR.ic bit as necessary, before and after calling the PAL\_CACHE\_FLUSH procedure.
- Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### **42. PAL\_TEST\_PROC may not properly report self-test status**

- Problem:** In the case that some PAL\_TEST\_PROC self-test functions fail, the test\_status field may not indicate which self-test function has failed. Instead the failed test function may be raised as an initialization failure and the procedure will enter an infinite loop.
- Implication:** The PAL\_TEST\_PROC procedure may enter an infinite loop as a result of some failed self-tests, instead of operating in a functionally restricted manner.
- Workaround:** None at this time.
- Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### **43. PSR.ri may not reflect the correct slot upon entrance to the unimplemented address fault handler**

- Problem:** In the case of an rfi instruction that targets an instruction in slot 1 or 2 and the interrupt instruction pointer (IIP) points to an unimplemented physical address, the PSR.ri may point to slot 0 instead of slot 1 or 2 as expected. The required conditions to expose this erratum are: The processor is in physical address mode (PSR.it=0) and the IIP points to a physical memory address that is unimplemented.
- Implication:** When the processor attempts to execute on the indicated instruction bundle an unimplemented address fault will be taken and the restart instruction will indicate slot 0. Since no instruction in slot 0, 1, or 2 is executable under these conditions, there is no useful information lost when the unimplemented address fault is taken.
- Workaround:** None at this time.
- Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### 44. WC and WB memory attribute aliasing combine with FC and may cause processor live-lock

**Problem:** Under certain conditions involving write coalescing (WC) stores and the execution of a flush cache (fc) instruction, the fc may not be able to proceed until the WC buffers have been emptied, resulting in a live-lock condition.

The live-lock is armed when one or more WC stores (st [A]) occur and allocate space in the processor's WC buffer. A store or load (st/ld [B]) with a writeback (WB) memory attribute is issued followed immediately by an fc (fc [C]) instruction. The fc is targeted to a virtual address with the same physical address as address [A], but with a WB memory attribute instead of WC. If address [B] shares the same physical address bits 14:7 with the flush cache target address [C], then the processor may live-lock.

**Implication:** This memory attribute aliasing (MAA) scenario is likely to occur for a short time in OS code page tear down or where a code page was previously accessed with the WC attribute, but is now implicitly considered to have WB attributes because memory translation has been disabled (PSR.dt=0).

Documented in the *Intel® Itanium® Architecture Software Developer's Manual*, Volume 2, Section 4.4.11, as part of the process to properly transition to a new memory attribute, an fc instruction should be issued to flush the WC buffers. However, the text also states that a memory fence (mf) instruction should precede the fc instruction. Properly following this transition procedure will be sufficient to avoid the live-lock condition.

**Workaround:** Precede fc instructions with mf instructions where WC buffers may be non-empty.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### 45. Improper use of memory attribute aliasing may lead to out of order instruction execution

**Problem:** An fc instruction is issued to a virtual memory address that has been aliased as uncacheable (UC). This is immediately followed by a load/store to a WB memory address that points to same physical memory address that is targeted by the fc. Due to internal conditions, the load/store may be filled from the L2 cache rather than being filled from memory after the fc has been completed.

**Implication:** Using MAA in this manner requires the proper transitioning sequence as noted in the *Intel® Itanium® Architecture Software Developer's Manual*, Volume 2, Section 4.4.11. Under these conditions, the order of operations observed directly on the system bus (by using a logic analyzer for example) may appear to be out of order, however there is no functional impact because the result of instruction execution will always be correct internally.

**Workaround:** None at this time.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### 46. FPSWA may not set the Denormal status flag correctly

**Problem:** In some cases when the Floating-Point Software Assistant (FPSWA) handles the following floating-point operation using the specified floating-point class/subclass types, the FPSWA may not return the correct Denormal/Unnormal (D) status flag setting in the Floating-Point Status Register (FPSR.sf0:8).

The affected operation is: Infinity \* unnormalized number - Infinity = QNaN Indefinite

**Implication:** As a result of this erratum, the FPSWA may indicate a Denormal/Unnormal exception fault where none has occurred.

**Workaround:** The FPSWA version 1.12 fixes this issue.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### **47. Executing an rfi instruction that is located at the end of implemented physical memory can result in an unexpected unimplemented address fault**

**Problem:** Due to this erratum, when the processor is in physical mode and an `rfi` instruction at the end of physically implemented memory is executed, the processor will take an unimplemented address fault regardless of the real target of the `rfi` (IIP).

**Implication:** On a platform that supports the full 50 bits of physical address, under the above conditions an unexpected unimplemented address (UIA) fault could occur and the result depends upon the implementation of the UIA fault handler. This issue has only been observed in a pre-silicon simulation environment.

**Workaround:** Do not place an `rfi` instruction at the end of implemented physical memory.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### **48. IA-32: xchg instruction requires release semantics**

**Problem:** The IA-32: `xchg` instruction can execute and write a value without it being explicitly ordered with respect to other IA-32 stores. The IA-32 memory model is strongly ordered and requires loads to have acquire (`.acq`) semantics and stores to have release (`.rel`) semantics to be executed in proper order. As a result of this requirement the `xchg` instruction requires the use of `.acq` and `.rel` semantics but only provides `.acq` semantics.

**Implication:** Due to this erratum, store operations may not be committed to memory in order with respect to IA-32 `xchg` operations.

**Workaround:** None at this time. PAL version 7.37 includes a fix for this issue.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### **49. PAL MCA handler may not correctly set PSP.co bit**

**Problem:** The PAL MCA handler may not set the continuable bit (PSP.co) for potentially recoverable errors.

**Implication:** If the PSP.co bit is not set on recoverable errors, the OS and/or application may terminate when they could have potentially recovered from the error.

**Workaround:** None at this time.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

#### **50. PAL\_MC\_ERROR\_INFO may return incorrect PSP information**

**Problem:** When the PAL MCA handler has detected a fatal condition or has requested a `SAL_MC_RENDEZ` procedure call, the PSP returned from the `PAL_MC_ERROR_INFO` procedure may not contain all error information.

**Implication:** If `SAL_CHECK` is using the PSP returned from the `PAL_MC_ERROR_INFO` procedure call, some error information maybe missing which could result in application termination or a system hang.

**Workaround:** `SAL_CHECK` should use the PSP data at `PALE_CHECK` hand off rather than from `PAL_MC_ERROR_INFO`.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 51. FPSWA trap may be missed

**Problem:** For Itanium 2 processor floating-point operations, when a *tiny*<sup>1</sup> result is computed (this usually corresponds to an underflow occurring), the processor should defer the computation to the FPSWA handler. In most cases, FPSWA will convert the result to a denormalized value that can be represented within the specified precision. However, for an extremely limited set of conditions, the processor fails to recognize this underflow and does not take the appropriate FPSWA trap.

**Implication:** Exposure to this issue occurs only under the following conditions:

1. Execution of one of the following instructions: `fma`, `fms`, `fnma`, `fpma`, `fpms`, `fpnma`.
2. The input operands for `fma`, `fms`, and `fnma` instructions (with or without `s or d` completers) must be capable of containing any combination of 64 bits in their significand, in register format. (If the significands of the operands are limited to less than 64 bits, the operation is not affected.)
3. The computed result is precisely  $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{(E_{\min}-1)/2}$ . This is a necessary (but not sufficient) condition as only an extremely small subset of the possible input operand combinations that generate a result of  $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{(E_{\min}-1)/2}$  actually lead to a missed FPSWA trap. There must be a massive and specific cancellation generating the result prior to rounding to the destination precision.

For operations meeting these conditions, a small subset will not take the FPSWA trap. In these cases, the result ( $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{(E_{\min}-1)/2}$ ) will not be representable within the floating-point format specified. For example, assuming single precision mode, the result would be  $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{-127}$ . Normally, the FPSWA handler converts this result to a denormalized value in the form of  $\pm 0.1 \times 2^{-126}$  to fit within the single precision exponent format. Without this conversion the following impacts may be observed:

- For `fma`, `fms`, and `fnma` operations (with or without `s or d` completers) with `FPSR.wre=0`<sup>3</sup>, the result in the register file is numerically correct and may be used for subsequent floating-point operations without issue. However, storing this value to memory (using `stfs`, `stfd` or `stfe` as appropriate) will result in a correctly signed zero instead of  $\pm 0.1 \times 2^{E_{\min}}$ . This is equivalent to what occurs for the “Flush-To-Zero” (FTZ)<sup>4</sup> mode of operation.  
It is possible to preserve the correct numerical result (i.e.  $1.0 \times 2^{-127}$  for the single precision example above) by using the `stf.spill` instruction for stores and the `ldf.fill` instruction for any subsequent loads.
- For register precision `fma`, `fms`, and `fnma` operations (with or without `s or d` completers) with `FPSR.wre=1`, the result should be  $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{-65535}$ . However, the result in the register file will be  $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{-16382}$  in the form of a double-extended precision value.
- For parallel floating-point instructions (`fpma`, `fpms`, and `fpnma`), the result is stored in the register file as a correctly signed zero instead of  $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{(E_{\min}-1)/2}$ . Parallel floating-point instructions are not used in any known compiled code.

**Workaround:** For the vast majority of floating-point usage models, no workaround is recommended. The issue is limited to an extremely small subset of possible floating-point operations with a typical impact of replacing a tiny value ( $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{(E_{\min}-1)/2}$ ) with a correctly signed zero. Any error due to this issue is typically less, in absolute value, than the majority of rounding errors that normally occur for floating-point operations. For applications requiring a workaround, the following actions are required:

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1. A result is defined as tiny if it lies between  $-2^{E_{\min}}$  and  $+2^{E_{\min}}$  after rounding to the destination precision with unbounded exponent range. Reference the *Intel® Itanium® Architecture Software Developer's Manual* or IEEE Standard 754-1985 for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic for any additional clarifications.
  2. For single precision,  $E_{\min} = -126$ ; for double precision,  $E_{\min} = -1022$ ; for double-extended precision,  $E_{\min} = -16382$ ; for register format,  $E_{\min} = -65534$ .
  3. Reference the *Intel® Itanium® Architecture Software Developer's Manual* for Floating-point Status Register (FPSR) bit definitions.
  4. FTZ mode causes tiny results to be truncated to the correctly signed zero.

1. For `fma`, `fms`, and `fnma` operations (with or without `sord` completers) with `FPSR.wre=0`, avoid input operands with 64-bit significands or use the `stf.spill` instruction for stores and the `ldf.fill` instruction for any subsequent loads.
2. Do not use register precision (`FPSR.wre=1`) for `fma`, `fms`, and `fnma` operations.
3. Do not use parallel floating-point operations (`fpma`, `fpms`, and `fpnma`).

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## **52. WC evictions and semaphore operations combine to establish a potential live-lock condition**

**Problem:** In the case that multiple processors are sharing memory space; when stores to WC memory are closely followed by semaphore operations to cacheable memory, the semaphore operations may block forward progress of the WC evictions. The semaphore will not be able to proceed until the WC stores are completed. As a result a live-lock condition is established between the WC evictions and the semaphore.

**Implication:** If the live-lock conditions are maintained, the system will eventually signal a BINIT. Other system activity or external interrupts may change availability of the system bus allowing the live-lock condition to be broken and the system will proceed as normal.

**Workaround:** None at this time. PAL version 7.37 includes a fix for this issue.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## **53. The IA-32 `cmpxchg8b` instruction may not correctly set ZF flag**

**Problem:** The IA-32 `cmpxchg8b` instruction should set the Zero Flag (ZF) flag to 1 and update memory when the compare operation is successful. However, if due to memory contention, the upper four bytes (bits 63:32) of the targeted memory are changed during execution of the instruction and the lower four bytes remain unchanged, the ZF flag may be incorrectly set to 1, even though the upper four bytes of the compare are not equal.

**Implication:** If this erratum occurs, two processors in a multiprocessor environment can end up owning the same memory locations when there should be autonomous ownership.

The failing scenario can only occur in a multiprocessor system where there is heavy contention for the targeted memory location. It also requires that another processor manages to update only the upper four bytes of the targeted memory location during a very small timing window just prior to execution of the compare.

This erratum only affects the `cmpxchg8b` form of the IA-32 `cmpxchg` instruction and has only been observed in a synthetic test environment.

**Workaround:** PAL version 7.40 includes a fix for this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## **54. PAL\_TEST\_PROC status return value**

**Problem:** The `PAL_TEST_PROC` procedure returns `status = -3` when the call has completed successfully and some self-test errors have occurred. Normally `-3` would indicate that the PAL procedure itself has failed.

**Implication:** SAL firmware that assumes self-test errors will be reported with `status = 0` may not function correctly.

**Workaround:** When `PAL_TEST_PROC` returns `status = -3`, SAL should check the `self-test_state` to obtain more information about the self-test error and report the error.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.



## 55. Fault condition may generate incorrect address when using short format VHPT

**Problem:** A Debug Breakpoint or Protection Key fault may, under certain internal conditions, cause the physical address returned for a short format VHPT to not match the virtual address indicated by the VHPT entry.

The conditions under which this can occur are:

- The VHPT is enabled using the short format in a virtual addressing mode,
- Privilege level 0 access is available,
- Debug Breakpoint faulting is enabled (psr.db=1) and/or Protection Key Checking is enabled (psr.pk=1) and
- Certain cases of multiple TLB misses that result in multiple VHPT walks, where one of the VHPT walks is cancelled (because the faulting condition is removed) and then retried.

It is possible under these specific conditions that the short format data associated with the retried VHPT walk may be associated with another.

**Implication:** If this erratum were to occur, a Protection Key fault or an Instruction or Data Debug fault may cause a VHPT entry to be incorrect. This may result in an incorrect code sequence being executed and would leave the system in an indeterminate state.

With regard to Debug Breakpoint faulting, exposure is limited to development code environments only. In the case of Protection Key checking, there is no known exposure for all current operating systems as the conditions for this erratum are not met.

**Workaround:** This erratum affects only the short format VHPT, using the long format of the VHPT will avoid either of these faulting conditions. Additionally, in the case of Debug Breakpoint Faulting, prevent the DBR from ever matching any portion of the VHPT by checking the VHPT before allowing the DBR to be set.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 56. FPSWA version 1.12 may overwrite register fr12

**Problem:** The FPSWA version 1.12 may overwrite register fr12 when handling FPSWA faults caused by the fma, fms and fnma instructions consuming denormalized or unnormalized values. FPSWA should only use registers fr6-fr11.

**Implication:** Operating systems are required to save and restore fr6-fr11 when handling FPSWA faults. Any operating system that also saves and restores additional registers including fr12 is not susceptible to this issue. Depending on how an application uses fr12 and how the operating system preserves it, this erratum could lead to a number of different failure scenarios including incorrect data. The only known current exposure is with the Linux\* operating system. This erratum is limited to FPSWA version 1.12.

**Workaround:** Upgrade to FPSWA version 1.18 or later which corrects the issue.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.



**57. Cache snoops disabled on BINIT#**

- Problem:** After a BINIT# is signaled the processor will disable snoops to contain the propagation of any errors. The resulting MCA condition will cause the processor to enter the PAL MCA handler, which will invalidate the processor caches before the hand-off to SAL. The PAL MCA handler does not re-enable cache snoops before the hand-off to SAL.
- Implication:** This erratum only occurs after a BINIT event, thus any potential impact is limited to error handling after this fatal event. As a result of this issue cache coherency will not be maintained after a BINIT error. SAL code that runs uncacheable is unaffected. Cache coherency is restored after the processor is reset as part of the normal BINIT event handling.
- Workaround:** None at this time.
- Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

**58. RFI to UIA using single step mode may enter ss trap**

- Problem:** In single step mode, a single step trap may be incorrectly taken on an `rfi` instruction when the `rfi` attempts to address unimplemented memory.
- Implication:** The single step trap should not be taken on an `rfi` instruction. The result of this erratum would be an indication that the single step/`rfi` instruction was completed successfully before entering the unimplemented memory address (UIA) trap.
- Workaround:** Avoid taking an `rfi` to an UIA.
- Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

**59. On Die Termination value does not meet specification**

- Problem:** The value of the On-Die Termination (ODT) does not meet the specified range of 45 Ohms  $\pm 15\%$  when measured at Vol. The actual value is 37 Ohms  $\pm 5\%$  when measured at Vol. At output voltages above 0.6V, the ODT values are within the correct range.
- Implication:** The stronger value of ODT could result in a higher output low voltage (Vol) and reduced noise margins. Measurements on an Intel platform have not shown any noticeable increase in Vol and noise margins are within specified ranges.
- Workaround:** This erratum does not affect any system using on-board termination. No workaround is recommended for platforms using ODT in a 3-load configuration. ODT termination is not recommended for 5-load bus configurations, those should use on-board termination.
- Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

**60. Specific instruction combination may disrupt subsequent operation**

- Problem:** A specific combination of memory and integer instructions may cause the result of a prior integer operation to be incorrect. The combination of instructions necessary for the failure is:
1. Four or more arithmetic and at least one additional operation executing concurrently, immediately followed by a subsequent integer operation that consumes data from the previous operation.
  2. Particular data patterns are also required.
  3. This erratum is more likely at higher temperatures and higher processor core speeds.
- Implication:** As a result of this erratum, an integer operation may consume incorrect data leading to unpredictable system behavior. In some instances, a fatal DTLB MCA or memory page fault may occur.

**Workaround:** Intel recommends implementing one of the following workarounds:

- Reduce the processor operating frequency to 800 MHz by adjusting the system bus ratio to 2:8. Consult the *Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor Hardware Developer's Manual* for complete information on setting the system bus ratio.
- Avoid use of the susceptible code sequence and/or add stops between affected instruction groups.

## 61. IFS register may be invalidated during MCA or INIT

**Problem:** If an ISR is reading the Interruption Function State (IFS) control register when the processor detects an MCA or receives an INIT event, under certain internal timing conditions the destination register of the IFS read may indicate that the IFS is invalid.

To be exposed to this issue the processor must be in the proper context to read the IFS control register. This requires executing at privilege level 0, having interruption collection disabled (`psr.ic=0`), and the IFS register must be valid (`ifs.v=1`). Executing a `cover` instruction sets `ifs.v=1`. In addition MCAs and INITs must not be masked (`psr.mc=0`).

**Implication:** When the interrupt service routine (ISR) issues a `rfi` instruction, the return value of current frame marker (CFM) may not be properly restored. The contents of the backing store application registers may not be correct in this situation. Indeterminate system operation can result if this erratum occurs.

**Workaround:** PAL version 7.59 for the Itanium 2 processor (up to 3MB L3 cache) and PAL version 5.37 for the Itanium 2 processor (up to 6MB L3 cache) contain a workaround that corrects the possible problem when reading the IFS control register. This workaround requires the OS to abide by some specific restrictions. All known current OS releases adhere to these restrictions. These restrictions are:

1. There are no branches within a small window of code after the IFS read. The length of this window is the shorter of either three bundles or two instruction groups.
2. A `cover` instruction must not be followed by a branch to a bundle within the window after the IFS read. The window is as defined in item #1.
3. All ISR code from the `cover` instruction to the earlier of either changing `psr.ic` to 1 or the `rfi` at the end of the ISR, must exist within the same contiguous region of physical memory.
4. A `bsw.1` instruction must not be used within the ISR after a `cover` instruction and prior to the IFS read. This applies only if the destination register of the `mov` from IFS is `r29`, `r30`, or `r31`.
5. After an MCA or INIT event, if this workaround is unable to properly recover the IFS control register state, a fatal MCA will be signaled to prevent unpredictable machine behavior.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## 62. Unimplemented memory access may occur while handling an INIT or MCA event

**Problem:** This erratum involves possible incorrect behavior if an ISR or fault handler exists in physical memory near address zero. If such an ISR or fault handler is executing and a `cover` instruction has been executed (`IPSR.ic=0`, `IFS.v=1`) and then an INIT or MCA event occurs while the handler is within the address range of 0 to 0x20, the processor can incorrectly access unimplemented memory. This results in a second MCA generated by the incorrect PAL behavior and this MCA occurs while interruption collection (`IPSR.ic=0`) is disabled.

**Implication:** It is highly unusual that any part of an ISR or fault handler including the `cover` instruction would be located in the first few locations of physical memory. Current known OS releases are not affected. If this erratum were to occur, receiving nested MCAs is not a condition the OS expects to encounter. A system crash or fatal error event may occur.

**Workaround:** Do not locate ISR or fault handling code with a `cover` instruction within the physical address range of 0 to 0x20.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### **63. JTAG Sample/Preload or EXTEST instruction usage**

**Problem:** When using the JTAG Sample/Preload or EXTEST boundary scan instruction, all internal signals in the BSDL file must have their safe values loaded into the boundary scan serial data register when the JTAG state machine enters the update DR state. Failure to do so will result in putting the component into a non-operational test mode.

**Implication:** Failure to load the data register with safe values for all internal signals contained in the BSDL file may result in putting the part into a non-operational test mode.

**Workaround:** When loading the JTAG data register during the Sample/Preload instruction, or EXTEST instruction, load safe values contained for all internal signals contained in the BSDL files.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

### **64. CPU\_CYCLES count includes data from halt states**

**Problem:** The event monitor count for CPU\_CYCLES accumulates the count of elapsed processor clock cycles even in a light halt state. The CPU\_CYCLES counter is not expected to accumulate the count when the processor is in a light halt or powered down state.

**Implication:** The CPU\_CYCLES performance monitoring event may report an incorrect count if the processor goes into a light halt state.

**Workaround:** PAL 5.37 contains a workaround for this erratum.

**Status:** For the steppings affected, see the Summary Table of Changes.

## ***Itanium® 2 Processor (up to 3MB L3 Cache) Specification Changes***

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